

LAPORTE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

LaPorte, Laporte County, IN
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Site Location and Description

There are four (4) adjacent sites (i.e., four separate Brownfields site locations) that comprise this project, located in a light industrial/residential neighborhood. The properties range in size from approximately 10 acres for the smallest one to approximately 100 acres at the largest parcel. These sites are located nearby downtown LaPorte.

Zip Code: 46350

Site Uses and Past Activities

The sites had various past uses, including a landfill, an industrial dump, a foundry and a manufacturer of electric, gas and kerosene water heaters. There is no current use on any of these sites.

Contaminants and Impacts

Assessment and sampling activities performed at the sites investigated to date have detected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) in soil and/or groundwater at a few selected locations. The type and extent of contamination at these locations is still currently unknown.

Lead Agency

IDEM in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority

Community Concerns

The properties are currently unused/underused land and are perceived as having a negative impact on property values surrounding the site. The City of LaPorte would like to see cleanup and redevelopment of the parcels. Reuse of these sites will contribute to the revitalization of the nearby downtown area.

Actions Taken

The City of LaPorte was awarded an Indiana Brownfields Site Assessment Grant by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in September 1999 and another in October of 2000. The awarded funding will help assess environmental conditions at the property and potential liabilities. Region 5 of the Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA, Chicago) has assisted LaPorte by providing sampling and analysis on one of the four sites.

Current Status

The State is anticipating notification of upcoming on-site activities and the receipt of additional



site assessment. Reports generated from the Phase I and/or Phase II investigation activities have been reviewed by IDEM for two of the four properties. A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), prepared by a LaPorte acquired contractor was requested by the U.S. EPA to address the sampling of the City Landfill has also been reviewed.

Future Actions

IDEM staff will continue to provide oversight for on-site assessment activities to ensure compliance with the proposed work plan. IDEM will also review current assessment documents submitted to the State to ensure environmental objectives are continually met and discuss future steps as necessary to facilitate the City of LaPorte's redevelopment efforts.

Cost Estimates

Amounts of grants awarded: \$50,000 in September 1999 and \$21,750 in October 2000

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